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Director of Public Works

At its meeting held November 12, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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    The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Molina:

        "My office regularly receives requests from constituents regarding the
    need to curb speeding on residential streets. Often times, we are unable
    to provide meaningful relief because the State and Federal guidelines for
    traffic control devices do not adequately consider the realities of dense,
    heavily pedestrian urban areas. Recently, the Department of
    Public Works began utilizing traffic calming techniques to address
    speeding issues in circumstances that may not meet the standards for
    other traditional remedies.

        "The residents of Converse Avenue in the Florence and Firestone
    area of my district have been concerned about speeding on their street for
    a number of years. Their problem is exacerbated by the railroad lines that
    bisect their community. Drivers often speed through adjoining residential
    streets in an effort to beat the train.

        "A traffic study completed by the Department of Public Works found
    that the prevailing speed on Converse Street was 35 miles an hour.
    Consequently, the Department recommended the installation of traffic
    circles to reduce speeding. The residents have circulated the required
    petition and secured the requisite signatures."

    Therefore, on recommendation of Supervisor Molina and on motion of Supervisor
Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina
being absent), the Director of Public Works was instructed to expedite the installation of
traffic calming devices, such as speed cushions or traffic circles, on Converse Avenue
between Gage and Florence Avenues.

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